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School Board Votes to Raise Student Activity Ticket Prices

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche School Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, June 9.

Even though it was the first school board meeting after the school year was over, this session had a busy agenda.

One of the biggest discussions of the night was in regards to the current Boundless program administered by SDHSAA. It is the system that the activities association uses for ticket sales to the various school activities and sports.

There were three plans to choose from. Boundless Basic, which only takes care of varsity schedules, was immediately disregarded for use at a school the size of Belle Fourche.

The second plan, Bound Pro, came at a cost of \$500 for the season.

There was discussion on whether the plan was enough for the BFSD, and how to pay for it. The third plan, Bound Pro Cashless, has advanced management tools and allows for students and the public to purchase passes online and electronically at games. Adam Nowowiejski, Activities Director, explained, "Electronic tickets will be a relief on ticket takers, will make lines go much faster and have less overall stress for everyone."

SDHSAA will pay for the cost of the program. "The catch is it costs \$.90 per use. We have to

decide to eat it or increase ticket prices," said Orion Thompson, Superintendent. He also discussed the possibility of expanding the cashless option to the concession area.

Susan Proefrock, Business Manager, informed the Board that the last time BFSD raised activity fee prices was in July 2011, when they increased it \$1.

Since the program is called Cashless, there was some concern for those who may still want to pay with cash. Nowowiejski said, "There will always be an option for cash pay as it is mandatory by state law."

The School Board voted in favor of trying the Bound Pro Cashless system for one year and therefore raising the price of school activities by \$1 for next year. Prices going forward will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

Angela Reder gave a presentation about Data Collection. Reder gave raw data from BFSD students' learning outcomes from fall versus spring testing. "I think we are doing great things for our kids," she said. "We've created incorporated Interventionists so we know how they're doing." Reder said that they do monthly data digs to monitor student progress so the school can intervene as needed.

A board vacancy was addressed and a motion to

Rare Strawberry Moon Lights Up Sky



Early evening moon illuminated the sky with a reddish glow on June 10. Heitz Photo Story on A3

appoint Nikita Justice for a one-year vacancy was approved. The Board will vote on this at the next meeting, June 26.

There was one disclosure requirement: Tommy Coyle, Facilities and Transportation Director's daughter is being hired for the cleaning crew this summer.

The board voted to increase wages on support staff. Scott Reder urged the board to approve this motion "to entice everyone to continue working for us." The motion passed. The board picked their diesel fuel bid provider for the year: Olson Fuels LLC, which will give a 10 cent discount per gallon off the established price. For the 2025 official runoff election for the HS Activities

Association, Adam Nowowiejski recommended that the board vote for Ryan Rollinger, the secondary principal at Harrisburg. The motion passed.

Due to SD Legislature HB 1130—an act to provide permissible dates for municipal and school district elections—BFSD's election cycle will change. Now, BFSD will be required to do elections in June or November. Susan Proefrock, Business Manager, recommended June elections because terms start in July. "It's going to be different, because they've been doing it (voting in April) for a long, long time," Proefrock said. The Kukuchka ranch donated 10 boxes of fresh hamburger

to the school. The school would need to pay for the processing of the beef, but there are funds donated specifically for that; so in the end, the school will not have to pay for anything regarding the processing of the donated beef.

The next school board meeting will be a special school board meeting on June 26. Next month's regular meeting will be July 14.



(L) Angela Reder gives a presentation about monitoring student progress. (R) The school board members pictured listening to the presentation had a lot to discuss at this month's meeting. Longbrake photos

Charlie & the Chocolate Factory is just two weeks away!!

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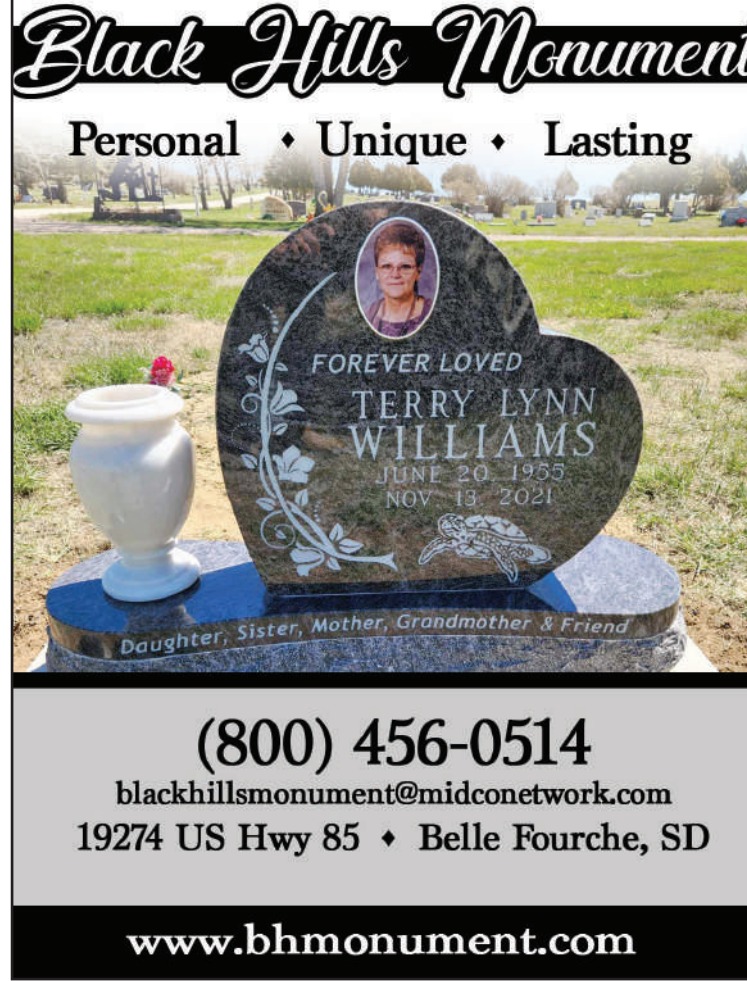
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Hazen G. (Jack) Wells 101

Hazen G. (Jack) Wells was born June 20, 1923 in Mitchell, SD to parents Hazen and Mae (Metz) Wells. As a toddler, his grandfather introduced him at the local hardware store as "Jack" and the name stuck. Jack was there during many historic events and he remembered it all. He saw Houdini do a water escape from the creek in 1926 and saw Charles Lindberg fly over and tip his wing to the row of housewives and children. He witnessed a cloud of grasshoppers approaching the farm and eating the corn plants down to 4" stubs in just a few hours. He stuffed newspaper in the windows of his schoolhouse during the dust bowl. He saw women crying as they exited the bank during the run on the banks. The family moved to Rapid City where they observed the first hot air balloon take off from the Stratobowl, only to explode mid-air. Not dissuaded, he went back a year later to see the balloon take off to make history. He and his father observed the construction of Mt Rushmore on many occasions before his father passed when Jack was just 15; it was 1938 and Mae and Jack moved to Belle Fourche to be closer to Mae's sister.



selected BH Roundup parade marshals in 2013.

Jack remained ever-curious and positive throughout his life. He continued to hike in the Black Hills and ride a bicycle backwards into his 80s. He renewed his driver's license at age 99 and was honored for his 100th birthday by the City of Belle Fourche arriving to the event in a 1923 Ford Model-T while the Belle Fourche Cowboy Band played on.

Jack passed away on June 9, 2025 at Peaceful Pines Assisted Living in Spearfish at the age of 101. Jack remained active, enjoying family activities and recently got the thrill of his life winning \$8,000 in Deadwood. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ann of 77 years, grandchild Kelly Brengle, and great-grandchild Kaylee Teppo. Jack is survived by their four children Richard Wells of St. Onge, Linda (Jon) Wiley of Spearfish, Allen (Michele Post) Wells of Sturgis, Barbara (Mike) Snoozy of Portland, special friend David Clarkson of Belle Fourche, five grandchildren Nathan (Stephanie) Wiley and Aaron (Carolyn) Wiley of Indianapolis, Krista (Brady) Menzel of Sioux Falls, Kelli (Honario) Colipano of Ewa Beach, and Kyle (Saki) Snoozy of Portland, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial gifts may be designated to the First Congregational Church UCC, Belle Fourche, SD.

A Memorial Service was held Monday, June 16th at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche. A lunch and sharing of memories followed the service in the church fellowship hall. Interment was at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche with military honors provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard and the Army Honor Guard.

The funeral were livestreamed and can be viewed on Jack's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com.



Dr. Dale Arthur Hogen 76

Dr. Dale Arthur Hogen, 76, of Newell, South Dakota, finished his race peacefully on Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

He was born on September 5, 1948. He was first and foremost a family man who loved uncompromisingly. Dale served in the US Army from 1968-69. Dale served the Newell community as an MD for a major part of his life. His efforts were apparent and appreciated by many in Newell and the surrounding community.

Dale is survived by his wife, Kathy, Newell; broth-



er, Marty, Bozeman, Montana; son, Tyler, Newell; grandsons, Eli Meyers, Calhoon, Georgia, and Kelton Hogen, Baker, MT. He was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Jane Hogen; daughter, Misty Hogen; and son, Justin Hogen.

Per his request no services will be held.

You may sign his online guestbook at www.blackhillsfuneralhome.com.



Proverbs 23:24:

This verse emphasizes the joy and pride a father feels when his children make righteous choices and live wisely.

Psalms 103:13:

This verse draws a parallel between a father's compassion for his children and God's compassion for those who fear Him, highlighting the loving and caring nature of fatherhood.

Ephesians 6:4:

This verse encourages fathers to raise their children with love and guidance, rather than anger and frustration, emphasizing the importance of positive parenting.

Proverbs 22:6:

This verse speaks to the long-term impact of a father's guidance, suggesting that the values instilled in childhood can shape a child's life even into adulthood.

Psalms 127:3-5:

This passage highlights the blessing of children, describing them as a heritage and reward from the Lord, and celebrating the strength and protection they bring to a family.

Deuteronomy 1:31:

This verse uses the imagery of a father carrying his son to illustrate God's care and support, offering a comforting thought for fathers and their children.

Malachi 4:6:

This verse looks forward to a time when families are reconciled, suggesting that fathers play a vital role in fostering healthy relationships with their children. Proverbs 13:24:

High School Rodeo Contestants Compete At Regional Rodeo

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche Rodeo Team shined brightly at the Regional High School Rodeo in Buffalo June 6-8. Once again the boys and girls competitors came together to win the team trophy. Contestants need to earn at least 3 points in an event at one of two regional rodeos to qualify for State. Dupree Regional High School Rodeo is June 13-15, 2025. Dupree is the second weekend of regional qualifying rodeos for the South Dakota State High School Rodeo Finals, which will take place in Fort Pierre, SD on June 17-21.

Buffalo Regional Rodeo results are as follows:

Bareback Riding:
Casen Schmidt, Belle Fourche

– 1st place in first go, 1st place second go; 1st place average Barrel Racing:
Kelsi Costello, Newell – 6th place in first go, 8th place in second go; 5th place average
Chloe Crowser, Belle Fourche – 4th in the second go; 8th place average

Breakaway Roping:
Kelsi Costello, Newell – 4th in second go; 7th place average

Boys' Cutting:
Casen Schmidt, Belle Fourche – 3rd in the first go, 2nd in the second go; 1st place average
Mason Nehl, Belle Fourche – 2nd place in the first go; 4th place average

Goat Tying:
Lukayzee Brink, Newell – 4th place in first go, 4th place second go; 4th place average
Kelsi Costello, Newell – 6th in

the first go, 8th place second go; 7th place average
Chloe Crowser, Belle Fourche – 9th place second go; 13th place average

Girls' Cutting:

Lainey Crago, Belle Fourche – 5th in the first go, 2nd in second go; 5th place average

Pole Bending:

Tylee Tetrault, Saint Onge – 3rd place second go; 5th place average
Brooke Garman, Belle Fourche – 6th place second go; 9th place average

Reined Cow Horse:

Mason Nehl, Belle Fourche – 3/4th place tie first go, 3rd place second go; 3rd place average

HS Rodeo contd. A3

Regional HS Rodeo Team Champions



The **BFHS Rodeo Team** won the team trophy at this year's Regional HS Rodeo in Buffalo, SD. *Courtesy photo*

From A1 HS Rodeo

Jory Olson, Belle Fourche – 3/4th place tie first go, 6th place second go; 4th place average

Cooper Conry, Saint Onge – 6th place first go, 5th place second go; 5th place average

Casen Schmidt, Belle Fourche – 5th place first go, 7th place second go; 7th place average

Saddle Bronc:

Taiten Eaton, Saint Onge – 3rd place second go; 5th place average

Steer Wrestling:

Jory Olson, Belle Fourche – 2nd place second go; 4th place average

Team Roping:

JP Jensen, Belle Fourche & Kanton Hunt – 3rd place first go, 1st place second go; 1st place average

Cooper Conry, Saint Onge & Cason Sabers, Whitewood – 4th place first go, 6th place second go; 3rd place average

Jet Jensen, Belle Fourche & Drew Harper – 2nd place second go; 5th place average

Sern and Slone Weishaar, Belle Fourche – 3rd place second go; 7th place average

Tie Down Roping:

Koby Bowden, Belle Fourche – 5th place first go, 2nd place second go; 2nd place average

Sern Weishaar, Belle Fourche – 2nd place first go; 5th place average

Jet Jensen, Belle Fourche – 6th place first go; 9th place average

Jory Olson, Belle Fourche – 8th place first go; 13th place average



Charlotte's Birthday!

Courtesy Photo

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Class of '65
reunion / get-together

Saturday, July 5th, 2025 • 1:00 pm

Informal get-together to celebrate 60 years since leaving the halls of BFHS. Call it a reunion or just call it an afternoon of getting together to renew friendships and high school memories of the graduating Class of '65.

Potluck picnic will be held at Mary Ann Larson's home just outside Beulah, WY. Bring a food item to share and if you are able, bring your own lawn chairs. Plates, utensils and bottled water will be furnished.

For more information and directions to Mary Ann's home call: Mary Ann at 509-431-7869, Kathy Soper Clarkson at 307-281-2967, Harry Stordahl at 307-281-1051, Judy Merrill Bonefield at 605-639-9839 or Karen Brammer at 307-630-3950.

Moon from A1

SOUTH DAKOTA—At dusk on June 10th, you may have noticed that the moon appeared much lower in the sky than normal and illuminated the Earth with a warm orange glow.

This phenomenon is known as a Strawberry Moon, and this year was the largest and lowest that the moon will appear until 2043. It was visible at night on June 10 and peaked at 3:44 a.m. on June 11.

The name "Strawberry

Moon" comes from several Indigenous tribes, including the Ojibwe, Dakota, and Lakota tribes, who named it as such due to it appearing at the time of year when strawberries are at their peak ripeness for harvesting.

This was the sixth full moon of the year and a symbol of the spring's end and summer's beginning.

Lunar standstills are the cause of full moons that appear low in the sky. A lunar standstill "causes the moonrise and moonset to occur

at the most extreme north and southernmost points," according to TIME Magazine. These happen approximately once every 18.6 years; and this year's Strawberry Moon was the lowest-hanging full moon since 2006!

A red supergiant star, Antares, was also visible in the night sky alongside the Strawberry Moon.

2025 is a great year for lunar events. Keep an eye out for the Supermoon in November, at which time the moon will be the closest it's been to our planet since 2019—only 221,818 miles away.



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4-H Monday Message

NEW DATE FOR HORSE SHOW Tuesday, June 24th. If you plan to enter any Beef, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine you must complete the Youth Livestock Literacy by July 1st. See the information below about alternatives to taking the classes that were offered twice in Butte Lawrence County. The Fair Board is looking to replace a couple of the refrigerators in the Food Stand. If you have a working refrigerator that you would like to donate or sell. Please call the

office. Announcing a few changes to the Butte Lawrence County Fair entries- Changes for Beef- Cow calf pairs now have to check in on Tuesdays so cows can settle down and get used to their surroundings with their calves on their side. This has become a safety concern the last couple of years. Changes for swine- Only two entries per individual per class. Classes include breeding gilts, market hogs, and feeder

pigs. There will not be a Pen of 3 anymore. Changes for Sheep- You may enter two sheep in each class. Example two black face market weather lambs, two black face market ewes, two speckle face market lambs, two speckle face market ewes.... I have a CDM and Horticulture Kit ready. If you would like to host an event with your club and open to the County that would be great. We can also have Public Presentations during that time. See the calendar below for a few that are scheduled. If the offered times do not work into your schedules, you can schedule a time with me to come in and judge on your own. Public Presentations can also be given to myself here in the office. Please contact me to schedule. These count as a County Presentation!

With the changes now with the COCs, I have entered all meeting dates and times for the rest of the year for all of the clubs who have submitted your Club Program page to me. This was part of the New Year paperwork that all clubs were given. If you have other activities, please let me know so that I can report those. No changes (snow cancellations etc) need to be submitted now. Things like the County Fair and Stock Show are covered! Thank you! Cindy New information has been added to this message so be sure to read through to the end of the message!

Dates and Deadlines

- June 2025 *Local Event
- June 15- Heifers for 4-H Esays Deadline
- June 14-20 -Citizen Washington Focus (CWR) Trip – Washington, D.C.
- June 15-18 4-H Camp Storm Mountain-Rapid City
- June 19- Juneteenth-SDSU Closed
- June 22-27-4-H Shooting Sports National Championships – Grand Island, NE
- June 22- Pennington County Horse Trail Challenge -See Flyer below
- *June 23- Butte Lawrence County 4-H Fair Entry opens for entries-http://faireentry.com
- *June 24- Butte Lawrence County Horse Show- Seven Down Arena- Spearfish
- *June 25- Static Work Day
- June 27- State Horse Show Registration Deadline
- *June 29 Western Heritage- 2:00 Range Day
- **July 28-Aug 2-Butte/Lawrence County Fair

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June 19 - Juneteenth Holiday
 Hometown Thursday - Camp Comfort 6PM Tri State Museum

June 20 - 7:30AM Caramel Rolls & Coffee @ Belle Silver Lining, 2PM Art in Park @ BF Rec, 5PM Angel Store @ BF Global Methodist

June 21 - NEWELL City Wide Yard Sale

June 24 - 10:30AM/1PM Story Time @ BF Library

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\$314,900
New Listing in a great neighborhood!
 4-bedroom, 2 bathroom home with many updates and improvements. This is a must see!

\$399,000
SALE PENDING
New Listing in Spearfish!
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September 12th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
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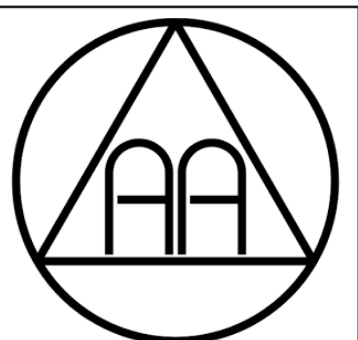
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125 years ago
June 12, 1900
Northwest Times
VAN OSDEL ELECTED
Fusionists Also Re-Elect Linn Commandant of Soldiers' Home Hot Springs, S. D. - The soldiers' home boards is holding its annual session here, the full board being present. They re-elected Commandant Linn and all the other officers of the home. In the organization of the board Abe Van Osdel was elected president; in place of Colonel Clough, who has been president for four years. The populists evidently concluded that they wanted the whole thing.

Airs of a College Town
Springfield, S. D. June 11 - This is commencement week at the state normal school and Springfield has all airs of a college town. The normal is only three years old, but has grown in that short time to be a lusty youngster. This year has been the best and has witnessed the largest attendance. One hundred and twenty students have been enrolled in the normal department and the number in the model school makes a total of 200. The faculty consists of the following named persons: J. S. Frazee, B. D. A. M., president; J. W. Whitting, Margaret A Frazee, Ph. D.; Theresa Mary Swezey; R. S. Katharine Hough and Clara E. Jones.

Cowboys to Celebrate
Sioux Falls, S. D. June 12 - While the residents of the eastern portion of the state are arranging for elaborate celebrations on the Fourth of July, the people living on the great cattle ranges west of the Missouri river have also determined upon a grand celebration at Leslie, which will have a number of unusual features. It is proposed to hold a grand cowboy carnival. Cowboys will be present from all parts of the range. The sports will include expert riding, broncho "busting," roping wild cattle for prizes, cavalry target practice, horse racing, etc. There are many expert ropers on the ranges, and it is safe to say that the roping contests will be highly interesting, as the experts can overhaul, rope and throw a "critter" and tie it within a few minutes. In this sport a second or two of time frequently decides a contest, so expert are the rough riders of the plains. Good prizes will be given to those who excel in the various contest, insuring the attendance of scores of expert horsemen from all parts of the range country.

100 years ago
The Northwest Post
June 10, 2025
ADDITIONAL FEATURES FOR ROUND-UP Mammoth Crowd Will be Well Cared for - Bucking Buffalo Will Cavort Each Day That the first estimate of the crowd to be expected at the Round-Up on July 2, 3 & 4 was not an erroneous one is the opinion of a representative of the Imperial Council of the Ku Klux Klan, who was in Belle Fourche Friday and Saturday of last week. He estimates the crowd at from sixty to eighty-five thousand, and Belle Fourche is making preparations to care for this crowd by seeing that there will be plenty of food, water and sanitary arrangements. As originally planned there was to be but one day for the Klan conclave but arrangements have now been made for a meeting at which time a speaker of national reputation will make a talk and there

will be an elaborate display of fireworks.

An agreement was made with Clyde Jones Monday of this week, who will bring a two-year-old buffalo from the state park. Mr. Jones for the past year and a half, and now can be driven to a cart. He is also proficient in the art of bucking, and each day of the show some devil-may-care rider will make an attempt to ride him. Letter and telegrams indicate that many of the top-hands of the contest game will be here, as they are attracted by the liberal purses offered here, and the further fact that when the Tri-State Round-Up advertises they will pay certain amounts in purses that amount is always paid, and further the winners are selected on the showing they make and not by reason of favoritism. Chas. H. Wilson and Sam Brownell will arrive in Belle Fourche June 27 with the Wilson string of horses including Tipperary and Tip-Top. Rus Madsen of Rapid City with the top of his string of wild ones, and the tops from the Max Barbour herd at Newcastle, Wyo., will be here about the same date. Mert Fowler will furnish the long-horn steers for riding, roping and bulldogging. Contractor Nelson is making rapid strides with the new addition to the grand stand and will have it completed in plenty of time for the big event. Electric lights will also be placed throughout the grand stand and bleachers for the night events. The loud speaker will not only be used to announce the events of the Round-Up and by the speakers at the evening meetings, but will be used each afternoon for broadcasting information on places of interest in the Hills.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
June 15, 1950
City Valuation Tops \$2 Million First Time
Belle Fourche's assessed valuation, exclusive of public utilities has topped the two million dollar mark for the first time in the city 59-year history. Tax assessment figures, which have been under review by the local city council the past three days show total assessments for tax purposes of \$2,051,638 for real and personal property. Original assessment figures, which will be changed somewhat following review by the aldermen, revealed a total real property valuation in the city of \$1,439,506, and increase of \$74,751 from the final \$1,364,755 total a year ago.

Belle Now Second Largest in North Black Hills Area
Belle Fourche took its place as the second largest city in the northern Black Hills this week as complete reports from the 1950 census put at 56 persons ahead of Sturgis. The complete but still unofficial total of Belle Fourche residents was announced as 3,517 by Jennie M. O'Hern, district census supervisor at Mobridge. At the same time, she reported Sturgis' population at 3,461. Lead is still the northern Black Hills largest city. Belle Fourche's phenomenal growth - a 40 percent gain over the 1940 census total of 2,496 - was made along with other towns in the county at the expense of the rural districts.

Award Keyhole Dam Contract; Construction Start in July Likely
Knisley-Moore Company of Douglas, Wyo., has been awarded a contract for the construction of keyhole



by Mary Buchholz

Dam on the Belle Fourche river near Moorcroft in northeastern Wyoming on its low bid of \$1,677,724.50, according to K. F. Vernon, director of the Bureau of Reclamation's region six. At the request of local interests which had registered opposition to construction of Keyhole Dam, and at the direction of Wyoming Governor A. G. Crane, Bishop, state engineer of Wyoming, conducted a hearing on Keyhole Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project at Moorcroft. The state engineer in granting the permit, held that construction of the Keyhole Unit would be subject to the Belle Fourche River compact approved by the legislatures of Wyoming and South Dakota. Under the compact much of the water stored in Keyhole Reservoir will be used in South Dakota to provide supplemental irrigation supplies for the 59,000-acre Belle Fourche Reclamation Project. The dam, 164 feet high and 3-section, will make possible the 420 feet long, including a dike control of run-off from a drainage area of 1,950 square mile. The reservoir will impound about 340,000 acre-foot of water.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
June 15, 1975
Over 5400 Fed at Community Barbecue "The consensus seems to be that it was a success," said Chairman Charlie Carpenter yesterday when he talked about the revived Community Unity Barbecue which went off Wednesday evening without any major problems. Carpenter says the committee estimates that 5400 to 6000 people were fed Wednesday. To many, the crowd seemed to be smaller than normal, but Carpenter credits this to the fact that the serving began early and ended late. Serving was scheduled to start at 4 p.m. which is actually a half-hour earlier than usual, but Carpenter said everything was ready before 4 and there were people already lined up for several hundred feet, so the serving lines went into action. "We didn't stop serving until 7 o'clock," the chairman said. The supply of potato chips ran out, but otherwise the food lasted and there was some beef left over. Some of the roasts were sold at the Roundup grounds after everybody had received free servings and the last roast went at the dance later Wednesday. A downtown street dance and games were a new feature of this year's Barbecue/ Carpenter said he felt the downtown crowd had a good time. The chairman thanked the committees and Loren Kidd and Freddie Martin and their bands for contributing the music for the street dance. The Cowboy band was on hand to provide entertainment at the grounds as were the "New Life Singers," a visiting choir from Huron.

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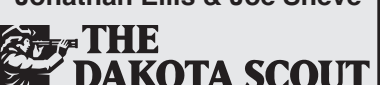
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First Saturday Brunch: Women Workers of Mt. Rushmore

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Tri-State Museum & Visitor Center held its monthly First Saturday Brunch on June 7. 65 locals gathered at the museum to enjoy brunch at 10 a.m. followed by an educational presentation. This month's speaker was Jeanie Kirkpatrick, who gave a talk on the subject "Women Workers of Mount Rushmore." The new addition to the museum once again proved to be the perfect place for community members to come together, enjoy each other's company, and share food and knowledge. Speaker Jeanie Kirkpatrick is part of several program types through the South Dakota Humanities Council, including Book Club to Go, One Book SD, Speakers Bureau, and Young Readers One

Book. She specializes in anthropology, history, marketing, and women's studies. Some of her programs include An Ingalls in the Black Hills, an examination into the life of Carrie Ingalls, the sister of Laura Ingalls Wilder; Dr. Mary Montgomery Borglum – More Than Gutzon Borglum's Wife, which considers the wife of Gutzon Borglum, a Mount Rushmore sculptor; and Aprons, Can They Talk? which answers the question of what an apron can tell us about the person who owned it and examines ways to date an apron. First Saturday Brunches are held at the Tri-State Museum & Visitor Center on the first Saturday of every month. The cost is \$5 to enjoy brunch and an educational lecture, or free for members. The next FSB will be July 5.

School Board Votes to Raise Student Activity Tickets

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche School Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, June 9. Even though it was the first school board meeting after the school year was over, this session had a busy agenda. One of the biggest discussions of the night was in regards to the current Boundless program administered by SDHSAA. It is the system that the activities association uses for ticket sales to the various school activities and sports. There were three plans to choose from. Boundless Basic, which only takes care of varsity schedules, was immediately disregarded for use at a school the size of Belle Fourche. The second plan, Bound Pro, came at a cost of \$500 for the season. There was discussion on whether the plan was enough for the BFSB, and how to pay for it. The third plan, Bound Pro Cashless, has advanced management tools and allows for students and the public to purchase passes online and electronically at games. Adam Nowowiejski, Activities Director, explained, "Electronic tickets will be a relief on ticket takers, will make lines go much faster and have less overall stress for everyone." SDHSAA will pay for the cost of the program. "The catch is it costs \$.90 per use. We have to decide to eat it or increase ticket prices," said Orion Thompson, Superintendent. He also discussed

the possibility of expanding the cashless option to the concession area. Susan Proefrock, Business Manager, informed the Board that the last time BFSB raised activity fee prices was in July 2011, when they increased it \$1. Since the program is called Cashless, there was some concern for those who may still want to pay with cash. Nowowiejski said, "There will always be an option for cash pay as it is mandatory by state law." The School Board voted in favor of trying the Bound Pro Cashless system for one year and therefore raising the price of school activities by \$1 for next



Angela Reder gives a presentation.

year. Prices going forward will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Angela Reder gave a presentation about Data Collection. Reder gave raw data from BFSB students' learning outcomes from fall versus spring testing. "I think we are doing great things for our kids," she said. "We've created incorporated Interventionists so we know how they're doing." Reder said that they do monthly data digs to monitor student progress so the school can intervene as needed. A board vacancy was addressed and a motion to appoint Nikita Justice for a one-year vacancy was approved. The Board will vote on this at the next meeting, June 26.

Longbrake photo

There was one disclosure requirement: Tommy Coyle, Facilities and Transportation Director's daughter is being hired for the cleaning crew this summer. The board voted to increase wages on support staff. Scott Reder urged the board to approve this motion "to entice everyone to continue working for us." The motion passed. The board picked their diesel

school district elections—BFSB's election cycle will change. Now, BFSB will be required to do elections in June or November. Susan Proefrock, Business Manager, recommended June elections because terms start in July. "It's going to be different, because they've been doing it (voting in April) for a long, long time," Proefrock said. The Kukuchka ranch donated



fuel bid provider for the year: Olson Fuels LLC, which will give a 10 cent discount per gallon off the established price. For the 2025 official runoff election for the HS Activities Association, Adam Nowowiejski recommended that the board vote for Ryan Rollinger, the secondary principal at Harrisburg. The motion passed. Due to SD Legislature HB 1130—an act to provide permissible dates for municipal and

10 boxes of fresh hamburger to the school. The school would need to pay for the processing of the beef, but there are funds donated specifically for that; so in the end, the school will not have to pay for anything regarding the processing of the donated beef. The next school board meeting will be a special school board meeting on June 26. Next month's regular meeting will be July 14.

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WEIGH-UPS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Tenke Livestock Llc, Sundance WY	7	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1574	167.50	\$2,635.73
1	Black-Cow	1200	170.00	\$2,040.00	
1	Xbrd-Cow	1065	187.50	\$1,996.87	
Justin Or Brandi Pihl, Buffalo SD	2	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1453	165.50	\$2,403.88
Thomas W & Liane M Sewell, Upton WY	1	Black-Hfrt	1085	212.50	\$2,305.62
2	Black-Cow	1280	162.00	\$2,073.60	
Brian Or Lesley Raber Park, Alzada MT	1	Black-Cow	1700	163.50	\$2,779.50
Cliff Or Cheyenne Conry, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1485	164.00	\$2,435.40
Deering W Lazy F Ranch Ll, Hereford SD	1	Black-Cow	1335	175.00	\$2,336.25
1	Black-Cow	1270	179.00	\$2,273.30	
1	Black-Cow	1430	162.00	\$2,316.60	
2	Black-Cow	1535	164.50	\$2,525.07	
Austin Jordan, Rapid City SD	2	Black-Cow	1335	165.50	\$2,209.42
1	Black-Cow	1290	186.00	\$2,389.40	
1	Black-Hfrt	1010	257.00	\$2,595.70	
Michael & Melanie Pittman, Belle Fourche	1	Black-Cow	1530	161.00	\$2,463.30
6 Creeks Farm, Ekalaka MT	3	Black-Cow	1350	165.00	\$2,227.50
2	Black-Cow	1473	165.50	\$2,436.98	
1	Black-Cow	1455	164.00	\$2,386.20	
Bruce Crago, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1615	165.50	\$2,672.82
1	Black-Cow	1395	165.00	\$2,301.75	
1	Bwf-Cow	1550	165.00	\$2,557.50	
1	Bwf-Cow	1725	165.00	\$2,846.25	
1	Black-Cow	1515	164.50	\$2,492.17	
Andrea Collins, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1775	166.00	\$2,946.50
Todd Or Nancy Collins, Sturgis SD	5	Black-Cow	1699	168.00	\$2,854.32
1	Black-Cow	1475	168.00	\$2,478.00	
Ronny Or Rhonda Casteel, Vale SD	2	Black-Cow	1388	162.00	\$2,247.75
Justin Madsen, Volborg MT	3	Black-Cow	1057	222.50	\$2,351.08
Owen Rumph, Biddle MT	4	Black-Cow	1464	165.00	\$2,415.18
Richard N Rumph, Biddle MT	5	Black-Cow	1439	164.50	\$2,367.15
Sams Livestock, Weston WY	4	Black-Cow	1099	195.00	\$2,142.56
Nolan Reil, Recluse WY	1	Black-Cow	1525	164.00	\$2,501.00
Leon Jay, Hulet WY	2	Black-Cow	1440	164.00	\$2,361.60
Kenneth Talcott Inc, Broadus MT	3	Black-Cow	1317	162.00	\$2,133.00
Craig Robertson, Caputa SD	7	Black-Cow	1285	163.00	\$2,094.55
Gail Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	4	Black-Cow	1243	164.00	\$2,037.70
Powder River Land & Cattl, Recluse WY	4	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1341	164.00	\$2,199.65
2	Black-Cow	1305	162.00	\$2,114.10	
Joe Driskell Ranch Inc, Upton WY	2	Black-Cow	1653	166.00	\$2,743.15
5	Black-Cow	1499	164.00	\$2,458.36	
Gail Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1000	217.50	\$2,175.00
Russell C Guyer, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1200	171.00	\$2,052.00
1	Black-Cow	1400	165.00	\$2,310.00	
4	Black-Hfrt	1089	219.00	\$2,384.36	
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	4	Black-Cow	1399	165.00	\$2,307.93
Cole Cook, Forsyth MT	1	Black-Cow	1430	165.50	\$2,366.65
2	Rd/Blk-Cow	1450	165.00	\$2,392.50	
Lawrence & Elizabeth Braun, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1390	164.00	\$2,279.60
Monte Joe Miller, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1575	165.00	\$2,598.75
Daniel Bird, Olive MT	1	Black-Hfrt	1005	240.00	\$2,412.00
2	Black-Hfrt	860	277.50	\$2,386.50	
Warren & Greta Crawford, Sundance WY	2	Black-Cow	1308	169.00	\$2,209.67
1	Black-Hfrt	1110	211.00	\$2,342.10	
Wade Crawford, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1400	169.00	\$2,366.00
Burke Ranch Llc, Newell SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1590	165.50	\$2,631.45
Steve Mills, Boyes MT	3	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1623	166.50	\$2,702.85

Troy Mills, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1585	164.00	\$2,599.40
1	Black-Cow	1455	165.00	\$2,400.75	
1	Black-Cow	1515	164.50	\$2,492.17	
Colby Crago, Belle Fourche SD	2	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1675	165.00	\$2,763.75
Jim Klein, Dell Rapids SD	2	Black-Cow	1453	166.00	\$2,411.15
Raydelle Or Meria Sperle, Newell SD	19	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1497	166.00	\$2,485.63
Twenty One Ranch Inc, Sundance WY	8	Red/Rwf-Cow	1461	165.50	\$2,417.33
Darla Dunning, Ashland MT	4	Black-Cow	1554	166.00	\$2,579.22
T J Or Debra Steele, Newell SD	1	Red-Cow	1555	164.50	\$2,557.97
Tl Burch Ranch Llc, Colony WY	2	Black-Cow	1213	162.50	\$1,970.31
1	Black-Cow	1325	163.50	\$2,166.37	
2	Black-Cow	1355	165.00	\$2,235.75	
2	Black-Cow	1438	166.50	\$2,393.43	
Chip Dye, Alzada MT	1	Black-Cow	1515	166.00	\$2,514.90
Brenden Casteel, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1555	163.50	\$2,542.42
Ken & Monica Knappe, Buffalo Gap SD	1	Black-Cow	1340	166.50	\$2,231.10
13	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1283	164.00	\$2,104.24	
1	Bwf-Cow	1400	166.00	\$2,324.00	
Burdick Ranch, Baker MT	15	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1558	168.00	\$2,618.00
8	Black-Cow	1252	183.00	\$2,290.93	
Snook Land & Lvstk, Sundance WY	14	Black-Cow	1426	166.00	\$2,366.68
16	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1309	162.00	\$2,120.68	
Smith Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	14	Black-Cow	1419	166.00	\$2,356.01
1	Black-Cow	1280	170.00	\$2,176.00	
Rittberger Beef, Hermosa SD	3	Black-Cow	1470	166.00	\$2,440.20
1	Black-Cow	1355	168.00	\$2,276.40	
Jardee Ranch, Ekalaka MT	5	Black-Cow	1556	165.50	\$2,575.18
4	Black-Cow	1301	165.50	\$2,153.56	
Beer Mug Ranch, Ludlow SD	1	Black-Cow	1630	165.00	\$2,689.50
George Birtic, Belgrade MT	1	Black-Cow	1600	165.50	\$2,648.00
Bill Carlisle, Ekalaka MT	1	Bwf-Cow	1340	163.50	\$2,190.90
Neal Mcooy, Belle Fourche SD	5	Black-Cow	1341	161.00	\$2,159.01
Mt Frye Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1370	165.00	\$2,260.50
Zane Williams, Hammond MT	4	Black-Cow	1485	165.50	\$2,457.67
Winterholer Ranch Llc, Sheridan WY	4	Black-Cow	1571	165.50	\$2,600.41
1	Black-Cow	1350	165.50	\$2,234.25	
Box L Cattle Co, Hammond MT	19	Black-Cow	1404	165.50	\$2,324.40
Box L Cattle Co, Hammond MT	1	Black-Cow Lane	1660	166.50	\$2,763.90
12	Black-Cow	1307	163.00	\$2,129.86	
Trusler Inc, Ashland MT	18	Black-Hfrt	956	249.00	\$2,380.71
1	Black-Cow	1310	166.00	\$2,174.60	
Dee Or Robin Wilcox, Mud Butte SD	3	Black-Cow	1388	165.00	\$2,290.75
Lazy Y Quarter Circle Llc, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1310	164.00	\$2,148.40
Ballou Angus Ranch, Hulet WY	2	Black-Hfrt	1050	240.00	\$2,520.00
2	Black-Cow	1440	165.00	\$2,376.00	

BULLS

Mallett Cattle Co, Powderville MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2180	192.50	\$4,196.50
1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2030	184.00	\$3,735.20	
Russell C Guyer, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Bull	1945	177.50	\$3,452.37
Winterholer Ranch Llc, Sheridan WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1930	195.00	\$3,763.50
Ralph Or Susan Merchen, Custer SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2465	175.00	\$4,313.75
Kuhbacher Ranch Inc, Moorcroft WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2035	205.00	\$4,171.75
John S Or Bonnie Johnson, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1930	177.50	\$3,425.75
Matt Or Donna Perino, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1825	200.00	\$3,650.00
Troy Dysart, Newcastle WY	1	Herf-Bull Drug Free	2115	185.00	\$3,912.75
David & Sandra Holland, Moorcroft WY	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	1880	193.50	\$3,637.80
Charles Or Annette Steffan, Beffield ND	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	2015	181.00	\$3,647.15

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June 19, 2025	REGULAR SALE - ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT
June 26, 2025	REGULAR SALE - ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT
July 3, 2025	NO SALE - HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!
July 10, 2025	YEARLING SPECIAL & HORSE SALE SELLING ALL CLASSES
July 17, 2025	REGULAR SALE - SELLING ALL CLASSES
July 24, 2025	YEARLING SPECIAL - SELLING ALL CLASSES
July 31, 2025	YEARLING SPECIAL - SELLING ALL CLASSES
August 7, 2025	NO SALE - RALLY WEEK!
August 14, 2025	YEARLING SPECIAL - SELLING ALL CLASSES
August 21, 2025	YEARLING SPECIAL - SELLING ALL CLASSES
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2nd Week of Hometown Thursday

Robbi Longbrake
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BELLE FOURCHE—Beginning in 2013, every Thursday evening during the months of June and July friends and family gather at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center to enjoy live music, socialize, shop, do crafts, games and eat!

The second week, June 12, the two man band Williams and Wright Experience took to the stage to entertain the crowd. They played well known country music. Inside the Museum kids got to participate in making mosaic butterflies and paper flowers. Outside food trucks and vendors lined the park.

An alcohol free area is set up to play a variety of yard games and a tiny train ride makes the rounds around the park for the little ones. For the adults there is a beer garden and seating for them to enjoy each other. There is truly something for everyone to do on a summer evening.



Top: Williams and Wright Experience takes the stage at the second Hometown Thursday event. Longbrake photo

Center: There is a variety of yard games set up for kids and adults alike to play. Longbrake photo



Bottom: Kids from Bronc Bird Busters sell 50/50 tickets to those gathered for Hometown Thursday. It is a fundraiser with half of the funds raised going to the trap shooting group. Longbrake photo



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Capitol News



We had a good rain shower at Capitol and on Tie Creek, early in the week.

The UPS man has reported that things are still looking green around the country all the way from Broadus. The showers have been nice, but then on Sunday, the wind attacked again.

Dick and Erma Albert had a great week with family. They went to Spearfish on Tuesday, for their son, Dick's, wedding at The Tower. It was a beautiful place and the wedding was outside. The Tower is between Spearfish and the Deadwood turn-off, and everything was provided for a great wedding venue. The bride was from Maryland and had brought her beautiful gown from there. The group attending was just family and friends, and they all had a wonderful time. They had rented a house in Spearfish, so that everyone could spend their time together for a few days. Some took a metal detector to the Spearfish Park, to see if they could discover any interesting things there. Dick and Erma came home on Thursday. On Sunday, Dick and Erma went to church at the Catholic Church, and then had lunch at Saloon Number Three.

Cade Pearson came out to the ranch, on Monday, to help Marlee and Alvin Cordell. Cade is Marlee's special helper during his free time. On Saturday, Alvin and Marlee went to Belle Fourche to the baseball game to see grandson, Gavin, play baseball. Jay Cordell came out to the ranch on the weekend to help Alvin with a few projects. Marlee got some gardening done, and is hoping for some good weather.

Doug and Julia Davis made a trip to Bowman on Wednesday. They each had appointments with the eye doctor. On Saturday, Doug went to help Jason Latham with branding, and spent a long and busy day. Aislinn Buck brought little Rex Buck out to

By Karen Odell

visit with Julia. Doug has three 'hold-out' heifers that still need to calve. Their three-year olds accomplished that task quite well.

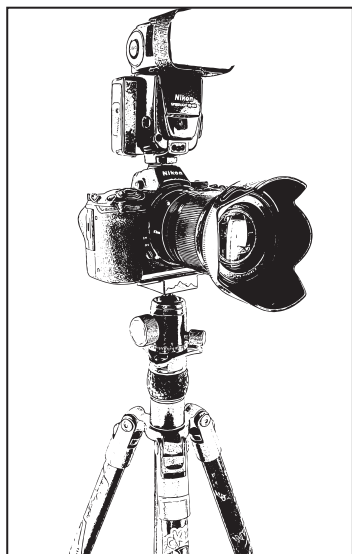
Junior and Shirley Melum celebrated their wedding anniversary this week. Rachel had baked them a cake, and the family had a party at home. They had been married in 1960 in Powell, Wyoming. Junior's sister, Mary Ann, was living there at the time. Their honeymoon was in Jackson, Wyoming, and then they came home to Capitol, where they have lived since, and raised a wonderful family. What a great celebration.

Dawn Padden has many absolutely wonderful action pictures of last week's state track and state golf matches online at her Facebook page. She spent most of last week on the other side of the state for these competitions, and as usual, her photography is beautiful, professional and a gift to participants and spectators alike. Track was in Sioux Falls on the weekend, golf was in Watertown on Monday, so Dawn had a Sunday review and select the track pictures before going right to golf. This week prairie dog hunters came to Padden's for a few days.

Dorothy Padden's week was a little quieter than in past weeks. Her daughter, Lorraine Chin, had come up from Texas, and Lorraine invited Dorothy to supper in Camp Crook on Saturday. After supper they went to the gathering at the Corner Bar to visit with friends and family. Sunday brought the big winds again, so it was best to stay inside. After a season of coaching, Brandon and Ashley, and the kids, spent some quiet time rounding-up and moving cattle, this week. That was a quiet week for them.

It was a quiet week for Karen Odell, too. The rains came on a couple of days, adding to the dark green waves of grass in the distant prairies. There was lots of hand trimming near the fences, for her to do, and Karen got lots of mowing done, too. The Wolfe family stopped by on Sunday afternoon, and the boys discovered there were kittens in the woodpile. Most people know that Karen doesn't need kittens in the woodpile or anywhere else, no matter how cute and cuddly they are. They finally got to take a couple of them home with them. Chancey Odell stopped by, on Sunday evening for a visit, too. He had spent some time rounding up cattle this week, and helped Megan get some gardening done.

I always wondered who tasted the dog food and then decided it had a new and improved flavor.



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"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" The Loyalty Revolution: Why Your Main Street Needs a Membership Makeover

Remember when loyalty meant nothing more than a punch card for your tenth coffee free? Those days are as outdated as dial-up internet. Today's consumers are playing a completely different game, and the stakes couldn't be higher for local businesses and communities. Here's the wake-up call: 94% of premium loyalty members shop with their chosen retailer at least once a month. That's not just customer retention—that's a monthly guaranteed revenue stream that most businesses can only dream about.



lars and cents. The ole saying that "teamwork makes the dream work" is alive and well. Here's where small towns and local business districts have a secret

weapon that big box stores can't replicate collective power. Individual businesses might lack the scale to create compelling loyalty programs, but entire communities can band together to create something remarkable. Think about it logically. A single coffee shop might struggle to offer meaningful rewards, but a downtown district with restaurants, boutiques, services, and entertainment venues can create a loyalty ecosystem or App that keeps customers circulating within the local economy. When your coffee purchase earns points toward dinner at the local bistro, which earns credits for the community theater, you've created a closed-loop system that Wall Street chains cannot match.

The survey data reveals exactly what motivates loyalty program participation. Free shipping tops the list at 66%—a challenge for brick-and-mortar stores, but not insurmountable when you consider local delivery options or curbside pickup services. Instant discounts motivate 60% of consumers, which local businesses can easily provide through digital platforms or mobile apps. Perhaps most telling is this statistic: 31% of consumers haven't joined premium loyalty programs simply because the retailers they shop with don't offer them. That's nearly one-third of the market sitting on the sidelines, waiting

for someone to invite them to play.

This loyalty revolution presents both tremendous opportunity and genuine risk. Communities that embrace membership-based customer relationships will thrive, while those that ignore this trend may find themselves competing solely on price—a losing battle against online retailers and chain stores. The window for action is narrowing. As more consumers join loyalty programs and develop shopping habits around their preferred retailers, breaking those established patterns becomes increasingly difficult. The first-mover advantage in local loyalty programs could determine which communities remain vibrant and which become retail ghost towns.

Creating effective loyalty programs requires strategic thinking, not just good intentions. Benjamin Franklin's wisdom about planning applies perfectly here: fail to plan, and you're planning to fail. Successful community-wide programs need coordination, clear value propositions, and technology infrastructure that makes participation seamless for both businesses and customers. The good news? You don't need to reinvent the wheel. Several proven community loyalty models exist, offering templates and systems that work. The key is adapting these models to your specific community's needs and character.

The retail landscape has permanently shifted. COVID-19 accelerated changes that were already underway, creating new consumer expectations and behaviors. Communities that recognize this shift and respond strategically will not just survive—they'll thrive. The loyalty revolution isn't coming—it's here. The question isn't whether your community needs a loyalty program or an App, but whether you'll lead the charge or watch

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from the sidelines as others capture the customers, revenue, and community vitality that could have been yours. The choice is yours, but the clock is ticking. In a world where customer loyalty has become both more difficult to earn and more valuable to possess, communities that build it together will build their future together.

John A. Newby is the author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" column dedicated to helping local communities, government and business combine synergies allowing them to thrive in a world where truly-local is being lost to Amazon and Wall Street chains. His email is john@truly-local.org

2nd Belle Jackpot Called

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—The second Belle Jackpot went off without a hitch, almost! The start time was moved up an hour and event order and arenas were altered to be able to accommodate all of the contestants and get families home a little earlier. However, at the June 11 event, lightning moved into the area causing those in charge to stop the performance in order to protect the kids.

The event was almost over, with just two age divisions not being able to compete in the barrel racing that night. Those

that didn't get to run will begin the jackpot at the next scheduled date.

For now, the Belle Jackpots will take a pause to allow for the 4th of July celebration at the Roundup arena. The next scheduled jackpots are July 9 and July 22. There were two missed dates, May 22 and May 28, postponed for the weather. Rain dates have not been determined yet.

Goat tail untying and dummy roping events begin at 4:00 p.m. with horseback events beginning at 5:00 p.m. Watch the Belle Jackpot Association Facebook page for updates.



Sern Weishaar makes a nice catch in the open breakaway roping. Longbrake photo

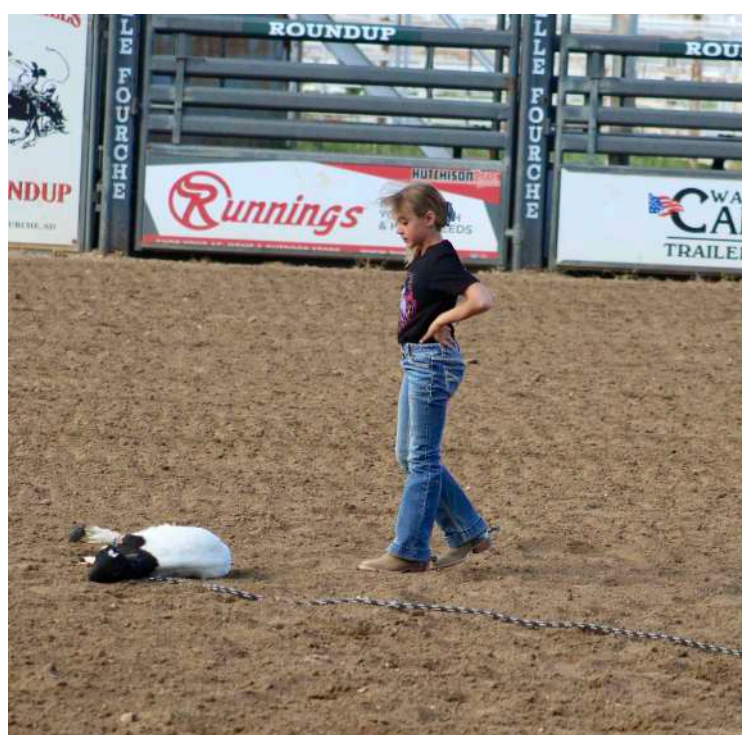


For the second week in a row Hometown Thursday drew a large crowd. Longbrake photo

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Between events the contestants warm up their horses in the arena. Longbrake photo



Mesa Graff waits patiently for the 6 seconds to pass so her time is official in the Open Goat Tying. Longbrake photo

Butte-Lawrence County Extension Welcomes Pruitt

Ever since second grade, Audrey Pruitt knew she wanted to be a teacher. For the past 25 years she has successfully accomplished her professional goal by teaching elementary children in grades 2-5 in four states.

About the time she decided it was time for a change, the position for a 4-H Educator at Butte-Lawrence Extension came up. A friend suggested she apply.

The more Audrey thought about the possibilities of working with 4-H and the potential to apply her teaching skills, the more interested she became in the job. "I love working with kids, the 4-H program and the opportunities it offers to youth," Audrey explained.

Audrey comes to the position highly qualified. In addition to her teaching experience, she has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Oklahoma State University, and a Master of Science in Educational Technology from Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

She has led many local and state level professional development workshops for teachers.

For the past two years, she has also been a 4-H leader.

Audrey balances work with family life. He is married to David, her high school sweetheart. The couple have three sons, Alex, Andy, Austin, a daughter in law, Zenevia, and 1.5 grandsons, Easton is almost 3 and Grayson is due in October.

Audrey and David own and operate a popular local food catering business PooterQ Original Barbeque. Despite a full life, and her many interests Audrey is eager to work with the Butte and Lawrence County communities and "share 4-H with anyone who will listen!"

Belle Fourche Beacon 'Happenings' and News Bytes Calendar



The Beacon Happenings Calendar is public service listing of meetings, events, and things to do in and around Belle Fourche. Happenings announcements may be sent to: news@bellefourchebeacon.com Deadline is Friday before

Tri-State Museum to hold "Shark!" class on June 21st

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a class entitled "Shark!" on Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m. to noon for rising 3rd and 4th graders. The class will include a film, power-point, instructor-led workbook, crafts and information about the various kinds of sharks, their habitat and behavior. Students will also hear about the sharks that swam in a sea in the tri-state area, millions of years ago. There will be a drawing for a book and a stuffed shark. Snacks will be provided. Admission to the class is \$2 per person or free with membership. Advance registration is required and must be done by June 19th. Call 605-723-1200.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Museum "On the Map" Exhibit

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center has a new temporary exhibit.

The exhibit is entitled "On the Map," and will showcase the many maps in the museum's collections, including a distinctive map of the Black Hills on a scarf; a WWII combat map; and a mountain and desert map of California, among many others. The exhibit will also include photos, storyboards, a touchscreen quiz, cartography tools, globes and a kids' activity center with a workbook, book to read and a craft to complete. The exhibit will be up until October 4th.

There is no admission charge to see this exhibit, or the Tri-State Museum. For more information about the exhibit or upcoming events and exhibits, call 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center Arts in the Parks

June 20 Paper Marbling (Rec) 2-4 PM. By pouring various colors of paint into a pan of water, participants can create unique color combinations to dip thick paper and create a marbling affect.

They will hang their designs to dry for ten minutes as they continue dipping paper. After the paper has dried, participants can fold paper into origami, into a book or draw on their papers.

Check us out on Facebook or www.bellefourcherec.com.

United States Air Force Academy Band Concert

United States Air Force Academy Band 4th of July celebration concert America the Beautiful. Herrmann Park Bandshell July 1 at 7:00 PM. Free and open to the public

Belle Fourche Silver Linings Veterans Picnic

Belle Silver Linings would like to invite past, present, and future military personnel and their families to a complimentary Independence Day lunch at the Senior Center on July 1st from 11:00 - 1:00.

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VBS Wonder Junction



Puppets were part of VBS at the Newell Christian Fellowship Church last week. Jenny Putnam carried on the story with Sam the puppet. Betty Bruner photo

Newell's Yard of the Month



These two ladies thought that it would be a wonderful idea to show off some of the landscapes in Newell. Left, Anne Salsman and Wendy Stone. Betty Bruner photo



Newell's first Yard of the Month! This beautiful yard is found on Dartmouth. Betty Bruner photo

Benefit for Local Family



Over 100 people had been served burgers and hot dogs when the crowd was still snaking its way outside the Nisland-Arpan Firehall. This is a look at the crowd after 45 minutes of serving.

Photo by Betty Bruner

From Coconut Cream to an African Safari

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The Hanson Family Benefit NISLAND-Friday evening, June 13, proved to be the perfect night to have a benefit. Not too hot and not too cool and filled with friends, family, and others who wanted to help a local family with medical expenses.

It was an example of how much the community cares about neighbors as they gathered at the Nisland-Arpan Fire Hall. The Concerned Citizens of Butte County hosted the gathering and members were not disappointed by the turnout.

Donated items lined the tables ranging from homemade pies to meat or even an African Safari. Items came from in the area and some even from out of state. The outpouring was overwhelming, several members of CCOBC

commented.

The food served for the meal was donated by several area families and businesses, including Lueder's, the Fickbohm family, the Ismay family, and several others who made salads and desserts made by Pam Fickbohm. High Plains Restaurant added to the array of food, while local eatery Blue Line Diner donated several gift certificates.

The ladies of the Nisland-Arpan Search and Rescue Auxiliary were busy serving the meal with a smile and hardy helpings.

Maynard Yule and Marvin King manned the grill behind the building, keeping the hot dogs and burgers coming to hungry crowd. The line continued to grow even after Yule said he had cooked a couple of hundred burgers!

A note from Ashley Fickbohm expresses the

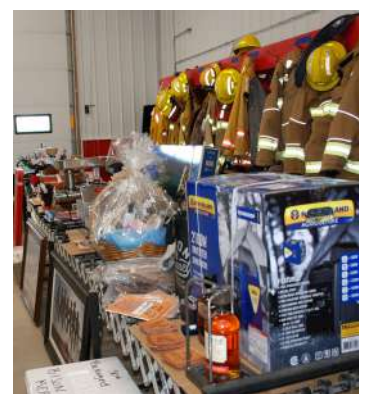
gratitude of the members of CCOBC and other community members.

"I completely overwhelmed with gratitude after the incredible turnout for the Hanson Family Benefit & Auction. Because of your generosity, kindness, and community spirit, we raised [money] to support the Hanson family during this incredibly difficult time.

To everyone who donated, volunteered, bid, cooked, served, or simply showed up with love in your heart — thank you. Your presence and support reminded us all what it means to come together as a community.

This benefit was more than just an event — it was a night filled with compassion, laughter, shared memories, and deep love for a family that means so much to so many.

Thanks for everything! "



Above: Just a few of the many items donated at the auction.

Left: Marvin King and Maynard Yule were the chief cooks at the Hanson Family Benefit hosted by CCOBC. Betty Bruner Photos

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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We started the week of last Sunday by going to the Gideon meeting at the Coal Springs Church south of Meadow Corner. We missed the regional high school rodeo in Buffalo that day, but with that awful wind it was probably pretty miserable for everyone. The wind had gone down enough so Reub could go spraying weeds at the Horse Creek pasture and I was able to water all the gardens on Monday. Our dear friend Eldon Skjold Jensen passed away peacefully at his home in Lemmon, on Friday evening, June 6. His funeral services were Saturday, June 14, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Lemmon with burial with Military Honors at Greenhill Cemetery. Eldon served in the South Dakota Senate in 1977-1980. Eldon was the funeral director at Evanson-Jensen Furniture & Funeral Homes for years and while Eldon was campaigning for the senate my father Bryce

White was telling everyone to vote for Eldon "because he'll be the last man to let you down". A long time Reeder resident, Marjorie Frandsen passed away on June 7. Her funeral service was on Monday, June 16, at the Hettinger Methodist Church followed by interment at Rose Hill Cemetery in Reeder. Marjorie and her husband Bob used to ranch in the Slim Buttes near Reva. Reub was spraying weeds at the Horse Creek pasture on Tuesday while everyone else on the ranch went to the branding at the Hackamore Ranch. Doug and Clint Doll are carrying on this historical branding that has been going on for years being the only branding where everyone dresses up and they have to wear a necktie if they want to rope and drag calves. A photographer from Rapid City was there this year taking pictures of the wrestlers, ropers and all the young people helping to brand. He had never seen so many people dressed up for a branding and we

decided that Clint Doll won the fashion contest with the beautiful purple sequin tuxedo he was wearing! Sadly, while I was visiting with Doug Doll he told me that our old friend Keith Vig who worked for the Hackamore for years had passed away in Topeka, Kansas, on Sunday, October 6, 2024. We are losing so many old friends. Reub and I went to Hettinger on Wednesday to get little chicks that just came in at Runnings. I got five White Leghorns and five Red Star hen chicks and some chick starter to feed them. We came home through Reeder to get the lawnmower we bought from John Brown that he had gotten fixed up and then he took us down to find some parts for Knox's bicycle that Reub is working on. After we got the lawnmower loaded on the flat bed behind the pickup we didn't stop for coffee that afternoon. Casey and Taz took cows over to Cow Camp at Lodgepole and they hauled a calf feeder over there after we got home. Amanda took

the kids over to Syd and Trent Turbiville's place to celebrate their son Ridley's birthday. Amanda left Copper and Knox there to stay overnight and brought little Lennyn Holmes home to have a sleep over with River Lu. Louise Jenson came down on Thursday to help Amanda put plastic on her front lawn and cover it with wood chips Amanda got from Buffalo Hardware. Amanda got the wood chips and a bunch of flowers when she took Lennyn back home and picked up Copper and Knox from Turbiville's. Taz delivered bulls that day and then he and Casey went to Belle Fourche for their D.O.T. physical. When Taz got home he helped Amanda put down a beautiful sidewalk using concrete patio blocks and he surrounded the covered lawn with wood poles. Amanda set out a bench that Shirley Clarkson made for their wedding and put out a lot of flower pots that made a beautiful front yard. Reub and I went to Dickinson Friday morning to get new house phones to replace the old ones that quit. We stopped

Aunt Bessie (Wilkinson) Campbell passed away in Arizona during the night. She was the last of the siblings in mom's family and we haven't heard anything about her funeral. There were lots of things happening on Saturday. Casey, Missy, Reub and I went to Molly Holt and Matt Kerner's wedding at the Holt Ranch that day. Amanda brought the girls to the wedding while Taz took Keen and Kage Jenson and Knox down to Tate Gress and Andrea Collins' wedding in Deadwood. Jace and Kami Jenson stayed down there Friday night because Jace was in the wedding, so Taz took their boys back to them. We had to miss both Eldon Jensen's funeral in Lemmon and Harold Heupel's funeral in Bison that day. Saturday, June 14 was also Flag Day and the 250th anniversary of the Army that was celebrated with a military parade in Washington, DC. The sprinkle we got on Thursday, the inch of rain on Friday and the hard rain and hail Saturday night left just under 2 inches of moisture here. Sunday was Father's Day and we celebrated all the fathers with a movie and ice cream at Slim Buttes Lutheran that evening. I'll leave you with this Father's Day joke: "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" asked the boy. "Let's not talk about such things at the dinner table, son," his father replied. After dinner the father inquired, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy said. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."



in Reeder on the way home to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers while Casey and Missy were headed to Dickinson for a wedding. I got word that my

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

June 17, 1915

Clarence Clarke was in from his ranch near Station Elm on Tuesday. He reports that the rain and high winds have played havoc with most of the stock dams in that vicinity. Raymond, the 7-year-old son of H. J. Fedde, learned from the personal experience Sunday that a lawn mower cannot be stopped very rapidly by putting the fingers in the blades. While his injury was only slight, the second finger of his right hand being nipped at the end, he has concluded that mowers are for

School house. The school was beautifully decorated. The young people confirmed were Nellie Carlson; Verla Bachman; Evelyn Fredlund; Lillian and Harold Wilson. The Annual Meeting and Picnic of the Tri-County Community Club held on Thursday of last week at the Bert Lyons place on Hay Creek was a huge success. Over 250 people were in attendance and enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Horse races, foot races and various other sport contests were among the features of entertain-



High wind damage on face of Orman Dam. The large concrete blocks were compromised by high water and high wave action. 1915
Newell Museum photo

grass cutting purposes exclusively. The problems of the tax dodger and how best to defeat his cunning, is the subject of a gathering of Income Tax collectors gathered today by Commissioner Osborn. Effective methods will be planned for a more thorough rounding up of Income Tax, for the Treasury Department is not satisfied with the returns from the Income Tax Law. The personnel of the collecting staff will also be given strict scrutiny for Uncle Sam what is determined to collect.

June 11, 1925

Confirmation Services and Holy Communion scheduled at 2: o'clock PM in the Methodist Church of Newell. The following 8 catechumen will be confirmed: Vianno Sophie Sampila; Hannah Marie Ollila; Mamie Evelyn Stolnack; Hazel Anna Eveyln Niva; Bertha Julia Harman; Carl Oscar Jaukkari; Willie Peter Stolnack; John Jalmer Korpi and K. V. Mykanen. Pastor Rev. Casander held a very impressive confirmation service for the Swedish Lutheran Church at the Milberg

ment. A large delegation from Hoover was in attendance and reported an enjoyable time. The Fairpoint Cemetery will be dedicated June 7th, at 2:00 o'clock, Rev O. C. Johnson from Rapid City will have charge of the exercises. This is a community event and all neighbors are urged to attend.

June 13, 1935

The installation of neon sign equipment is being completed this week at the Arcade Theater. Workmen started the job Monday and aside of some minor equipment, have completed the work. The name "Arcade" will appear in neon lights from 3 sides of the canopy front and in addition there will also be several decorative tubes to add brilliance to the effect. Transformers are still to be installed before the lights can be turned on. With this addition, the Arcade Theater will present a most attractive appearance. The Tri-State Milling Company has a crew of men working on the construction of new coal sheds on the railroad right-of-way near the Newell Depot. The new sheds will ex-

by Linda Velder

tend along the road for distance of 66 feet and will be used to store various grades of coal. Al J. Dahlberg is in the Belle Fourche Hospital receiving treatment for a severely injured back, sustained while competing in the bronc riding in the rodeo at Fruitdale on Sunday.

June 14, 1945

James Madden, Rapid City, has been named manager of the Sturgis Livestock Exchange in place of former manager R. S. Bowden, who resigned recently because of ill health. Madden has been with the company for many years and is well known in this section. He will make his home in Sturgis.

Frank Palmer, Martin Scott and Herman West, have contracted to transport German War prisoners from the camp at



.CCC located at Camp Orman later became Prisoner of War detention center. Camp Superintendent H. B. Gray and F. C. Youngblutt, Manager of Belle Fourche Irrigation Project 1934.
Newell Museum photo

Ft. Meade to the farms in this county where the Germans are to be employed for the next few weeks, principally in the beet fields and returning them each evening to their camp. Three big semi-rucks are being used, each carrying over 70 men. They load at 6:16 AM from Ft. Meade and the workday ends at 5:00 PM, when the men are hauled back. The prisoners are mostly young fellows, although there are a number of men of 40 years or more. Don VanLoan another trucker contracted for hauling German prisoners to work the beet fields in this area from the CCC Camp at Orman Dam.

Mr. & Mrs. Felix Guerreo, of the Horse Creek community, drove to Belle Fourche last Saturday and brought Mrs. Cecil Guerrero and their new grandson home from the hospital. He was born there on May 31, but

due to concerns, was confined longer.

June 16, 1955

Mr. & Mrs. Herby Loewell will hold a grand opening of Newell's first Drive-In, the "Highwayman", Saturday in the 212-79 Servicenter building south of town. They will be serving free eats for the formal opening. The new establishment will be Newell's first drive-in lunchroom, it consists of a spacious kitchen with window service, and 8-stools,

the school, 4:30 to 6:00 PM and continuing through Saturday for any Butte County child who was in the first or second grade during the school year that just ended. Children's parents are reminded must have the slips bearing parental approval of the inoculation when they report for the shot and must be accompanied by someone to identify same.

June 10, 1965

Larry Thompson, a noted Alaska guide, author and hunter, who has shown movies and reported on Alaska and its wildlife in the Black Hills and other communities across the US, spent some time at Newell's Main Street Airport Saturday morning. The occasion was to have radio problems repaired on one of the 3 Piper PA 14's which he and members of his crew were flying to Pilot Point on the Aleutian Islands to film some commercial fishing. Someone had recommended that Thompson have such work done by Jim McMains, operator of Western Electronics in Newell, SD the only FAA approved radio repair station in a large territory. The party was enroute from Gravity, Iowa to Alaska.

Mr. & Mrs. L. W. Herron and daughter Mrs. Heger and Jerry, all of Gettysburg, visited Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hattie Wilson southeast of Newell. Mrs. Herron and Mrs. Wilson had attended college together at Brookings in 1910 and had not seen each other since that time in 55 years.

Lois Twombly was hostess last Friday evening for a slumber party held in her home for 8 young girls. The party was in honor of Donna Donahey on her 16th birthday. She received many lovely gifts from her friends. It is reported; the girls did not "slumber" much.

Lisa Milberg, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Milberg was a house guest from Tuesday through Friday at the home of her ballet teacher, Mrs. David Griffith, in Rapid City. Lisa will be among the ballet dancers featured in a production to be given at Rapid City High School Auditorium this Saturday evening.

L-shaped lunch counter and large storeroom. The ice cream, soft drinks, giant burgers and lunches will be specialties there. Mr. & Mrs. Loewell, who also operate the Cove Café, in the Business District will be assisted by Mrs. Ruth Martin handling the early shift.

Mr. & Mrs. David Richards drove to the State Game Lodge on Saturday morning and visited there until Sunday afternoon. While there they attended a luncheon meeting and convention of the Daughters of Colonial Wars.

A new shipment of government-checked polio vaccine has arrived in Butte County and arrangements have been made for inoculation of children of the area until June 25, it was announced this week by Dr. J. H. Davis, County Health Officer. The free Salk Vaccine shots will be given in Newell beginning next Tuesday afternoon at

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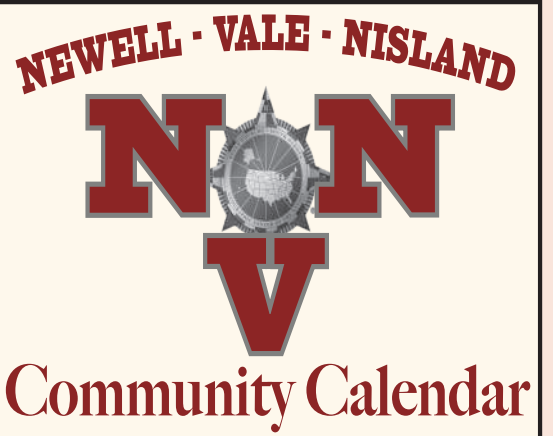
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Burning Buildings, Personnel Issues

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ladies that were community minded, and wanted to preserve the history of the fire department." Said Rhonda Vallery while I helped her and Sandy Heidrich cut up rhubarb for the upcoming pie sale in August.

"When we started we had to borrow \$250 dollars from the firemen, to become incorporated." Sandy said. A lot has changed in twenty years, but one thing that hasn't changed is Sandy and Rhonda. Through the years members have come and gone, but Sandy and Rhonda have stuck it out for twenty years!

The Auxiliary's first event was an Ice cream social courtesy of Edy's ice cream in the summer of 2005. Karla Lewis entered the department in an online promotion to receive the Ice cream for a hometown hero summer block party. Many different fundraisers and community events have continued from that moment on, including bake sales, a movie night, soup suppers, potato topper suppers, and an annual pie sale, which leads us to our question, how many pies does it take to support our firefighters, and the answer is

over 2,734 recorded pies. That is a lot of pies no wonder they are called the pie ladies!

It takes much more than pies. It takes hardworking ladies to do the baking and it wasn't just the auxiliary, most years there were large amounts of donated pies from the community, not to mention the donations from grocery stores and local businesses, It take hours upon hours of precious time to prepare for events, but above everything else it takes a community to buy all those pies. All so we can support our firefighters, as they stand by, ready to go at any moment when there is a call for help.

"We are lucky to have a super active Auxiliary, it adds to the success of the fire department and the community." Says Nisland-Arpan fire chief Stan Lewis.

The auxiliary would like to thank you for the last twenty years of your support, and hope for many, many more years to come.

If you would like to join the auxiliary or volunteer the meetings are typically the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at the firehall in Nisland.



*Then and Now
The team of the Nisland-Arpan Search and Rescue Auxiliary has changed a little, but several of the members are still recognizable.
Courtesy Photos*



SWIMMING LESSONS

June 16-27
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Contact
Shannon Dirk
Middle School
605 456 0102



Class begins at 9 am however, the bus leaves the middle school at 8:15 a.m. and returns at 10:50a.m. (pickup and dropoff at Nisland Mall also)



Rewarding Track Year for NHS

The Newell Irrigators had a very rewarding State Track Meet in Sioux Falls May 24-26. Head Coach Anna Erk and Assistant Coach Garrett Winkler brought three athletes to the meet and brought home four medals.

Clint Winkler, a senior, placed seventh in the 3200-meter run which was close to where he was ranked. Clint was ranked 23rd in the 1600, but ran his way into earning an eighth-place medal. He was quite determined to place and had the necessary training from various distance coaches to make it happen. He had two significant personal records that day.

Eirelyn Bender, a senior, also upped her ranking to finish sixth-place in discus. She was a very consistent thrower who threw four feet farther than her personal record to secure her spot on the podium.

Sarah Erk, a junior, also used consistency to earn herself a seventh-place finish in high jump. She cleared 5', which tied her previous personal record height she jumped in Custer earlier this year. She knew her steps were on and her favorite past coach, Cara Muckridge, was at the rail cheering her on and giving her advice. Sarah looks to return to the state meet jumping even higher next year.



Sarah Erk cleared 5 feet.

Below: Eirelyn Bender threw the discus rather than her personal record.

Courtesy Photos



B's Buzz

It's been a few weeks since we talked, a lot has been happening at our home and I think things may be settling down a bit. Maybe. It's hard to tell for sure, but that's my story and I'm sticking to it!

Many of you know that my hubby, Chuck, hurt his back or his hip or something below the belt and has been hobbling around for about five weeks (or longer, it seems longer). He thought he could work and lift stuff like he did when he was 40 or 50. Ummm-that doesn't work when you're over 70. Although he's strong, his back has been well used and didn't like the weight of square bales and boxes of potatoes and working calves all within a few days.

So, as it protested, he was forced to slow down and visit the recliner with ice and heat and pain killers. So, the last few weeks have been filled with visits to the doc and physical therapy and all that kind of stuff. And I learned something after 50 years of marriage!

Let me begin by saying that I have driven since I was 16, that was awhile ago! I've only had one accident and that was the other guys fault. And only one (maybe two) tickets. I would say that I'm a pretty good driver. Right?

Not according to my husband! Oh, no. I jerk the wheel. Don't stop in time. Miss the light. And a myriad of other small traffic complaints. Oh, and I bounced off the curb when

I leave the parking lot!

They say that remodeling a house can put a strain on a marriage. So can a spouse doing the driving! Oh, my. There were times I wanted to tear off the steering wheel and hand it to him! Here-take that!

The trial of driving a hurting, cranky husband to the doctor and staying calm almost did me in. I had to shut myself away so that I wouldn't say something I would regret. I'm so glad that we live in the country!

But we have made it to the other side. Chuck is on the mend, I still have my sanity, and our lives are intact.

Even after all this time, I gained insight into our relationship. Marriage is hard work. We have had a lot of ups and downs, we've been over the river and through the woods and come out into the sunshine (clichés I know). I wouldn't trade our lives for anything (well maybe a vacation and fishing). With all the stress of having a spouse with chronic pain, there's only one thing to do and that's to hang on to each other. There were times when I had to grit my teeth to keep from saying something awful or storming out of the room, but we have been a team for a long time.

I will end with this note: We are like a team of horses, but there are times when each one of us begins to think we are the only ones pulling the wagon. When we get to the end of the road, we find out that we did it together. And together we will handle the load!

Excuse me while I go get my pullin' shoes on and help with the load!



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Wonder Junction VBS



The crowd that learned about Jesus during the week at Wonder Junction. Haiden Anderson, Raelyn Severson, Naven Severson, Kohan Krclelic, Brynlee Barrera, Brylee Barrera, Harper Charles, Kade Charles, Isaiah Hagen, Britta Hagen, Tinley Frerichs, Novella Liggett, Phinehas Nadig, Elijah Nadig, Oliver Diede, Aliana Dieder, Auryon Lewis, Braylee Barrera, Ryker Barrera, Ava Cline. VBS Director, center, Mark Rubey. Helpers for the VBS were Susan Murphy, Nila Charles, Rita Donaldson, Jennifer Putnam, Connie Wienke, Jerry Seaman, Anne Yates, David Yates, Kylynn Lewis, and Annitta Stolnack. Betty Bruner photo



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